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SUBJECT: MACEDONIA: MFA INFORMED BUT NO COMMITMENT ON PARTICIPATION
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REF: A. 2008 STATE 132539

¶B. STATE 9099

¶11. On February 6, we delivered ref A and ref B talking points to Marko Spirovski of the Macedonia MFA Department for Collective Security Systems. Spirovski thanked us for the information, and asked whether USG funding was available to support Macedonia's participation in the April 20-22 workshop in Garmisch, Germany. Without funding, Macedonia would likely not attend. Spirovski commented that Macedonia would seek to attend the June 2009 Fifth Global Initiative Plenary, but could not commit at this time.

¶12. Post requests to be notified if USG support is available to support Macedonian attendance at the April 20-22 workshop. Post notes that while Macedonia is a valued partner in security, the GoM is unlikely to bring significant expertise to this process.

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